

REMARKS

In response to the December 18, 2002, Office Action, Applicants' offer the following remarks.

The December 18, 2002, Office Action does not address the claims found in Applicants' November 16, 2000, Preliminary Amendment. A copy of such amendment and the postcard showing that the U.S. P.T.O. received such amendment on December 1, 2000, is included with this response. As the preliminary amendment cancelled Claims 7-13 and added new Claims 14-26, the rejection of Claims 7-13 is moot. As a result, Applicants' response only addresses the rejection of original Claim 1. Furthermore, as Claims 14-26 were not considered by the Examiner, Applicants contend that the next Office Action should not be a final rejection.

In addition to addressing the rejection of Claim 1, Applicants are including an abstract on a separate sheet of paper, a priority claim and a supplemental information disclosure statement.

Claims 1 and 14-26 are pending.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the compositions disclosed in U.S. 5,500,138. In making such rejection, the Examiner states that the claimed perfume compound's odor detection threshold is inherent in the perfume compositions of '138, as perfumes having such low values are common in the perfume art. No basis in fact or technical reasoning is given to support such assertion.

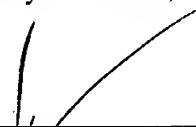
According to MPEP § 2131, to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. According to MPEP § 2112 an Examiner must provide rationale or evidence tending to show inherency. Furthermore, the fact that a certain result or characteristic may occur or be present in the prior art is not sufficient to establish the inherency of that result or characteristic. *In re Rijckaert*, 9 F.3d 1531, 1534, 28 USPQ2d 1955, 1957 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Instead, the Examiner must provide a basis in fact and/or technical reasoning to reasonably support such assertion. *Ex parte Levy*, 17 USPQ2d 1461, 1464 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990).

In summary, as the Examiner provides no basis in fact or technical reasoning as to why a component of the compositions of '138 would have a odor detection threshold less than 50 ppb, Applicants assert that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of Claim 1, which is grounded in inherency, is unsupported and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' remarks, it is requested that the Examiner allow Claim 1 and Claims 14-26 as such claims depend from Claim 1. If, prior to allowance, any outstanding issues exist, Applicants' attorney would welcome the opportunity to resolve such issues via a phone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

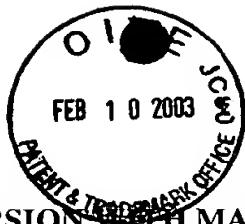


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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****Brackets = deleted****Dashes = added****IN THE SPECIFICATION**

- 1.) Please add the attached abstract.
- 2.) Page 1, between the title of the invention and Technical field of the invention please add the following:

--Cross reference to related applications

This application is a national stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/IB99/01028, filed June 4, 1999, which claims priority to EP 98870137.1 filed June 15, 1998.--



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
CUNNINGHAM, Philip Andrew et al
Int'l Application No. PCT/IB99/01028
Filed in the RO/US on 04 June 1999
Entitled: Perfume Compositions

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments IN THE CLAIMS:

* Please cancel Claims 2-13.

Please add the following new claims:

14. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said Class 1 HIA perfume ingredient is present in an amount of at least 20%.

15. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said Class 2 HIA perfume ingredient is present in an amount of at least 40% by weight of the perfume composition.

16. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is encapsulated.

17. A composition according to Claim 16, wherein the material used for encapsulating the perfume material is a water-soluble modified starch solid matrix.

18. A composition according to Claim 17, wherein the material used for encapsulating the perfume material is a starch raw material that has been modified by treating said starch raw material with octenyl-succinic acid anhydride.

19. A composition according to Claim 18 wherein said modified starch is mixed with a polyhydroxy compound before treatment with octenyl-succinic acid anhydride.

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20. A composition according to Claim 19, wherein said polyhydroxy compound is present in an amount of at least 20% by weight of the mixture.
21. A laundry and cleaning composition comprising a deteritive ingredient and a perfume composition according to Claim 1.
22. A composition according to Claim 21, wherein said perfume composition is incorporated to the laundry and cleaning composition by means selected from spraying, dry-mixing, and mixtures thereof.
23. A composition according to Claim 21, wherein said composition further comprises a bleaching system.
24. A composition according to Claim 21, wherein said composition is selected from the group consisting of a detergent composition, a hard surface cleaning composition, a dishwashing composition.
25. A method of delivering perfume residuallity on surfaces, which comprises the steps of contacting the surface with a composition according to Claim 21.
26. A method according to Claim 25, wherein said surfaces, are made of mixed types off surfaces.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 C.F.R. §1.75; no new matter is added.

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